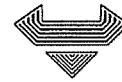


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**Dear Senator McGovern:**

We are aware of the need of the Middle East Policy Council to revise and update the Arab World Notebook, and of its importance to the education of the U.S. High School students about the Arab World and Islam. In support of this worthwhile effort, we present the Council with Check no. 566975 for US\$ 40,000.00 as our special contribution to this special effort.

We trust that the Council will take the effort to review the Notebook manuscript thoroughly and to ensure that its contents and production are subjected to the Council's rigorous standards for scholarly, objective and unbiased work.

We wish you and the Council continued success in this worthwhile effort.

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